

## FEWER PRISONERS; COUNTRY BETTER

Only 1,006 in Prison for Every Million Now; 1,067 in 1890.

Authorities Attribute Decrease to Growth of Leniency and Probation.

In 1904, the Census Bureau started out to ascertain whether the country is getting better, and it is announced that, better or worse, the ratio of persons in prisons to the entire population has decreased since 1890. Out of every 1,000,000 Americans, there are now 1,006 in prison, while in 1890 there were 1,067.

After thinking it over, the census experts point out that this decrease may mean only an extension of the probation and parole system and the adoption of various other forms of leniency. They are inclined to believe that this leniency is responsible for the continued decrease in the number of female prisoners. In 1890, 8 per cent of the prisoners were women; in 1890, 7 per cent, and in 1904, 6 per cent.

Colored persons were more common among the prisoners in 1904 than in 1890. The increase was particularly noticeable in the North Central States, where 14 per cent were colored persons in 1890, and 20 per cent in 1904.

## MENINGITIS CURE. FOUND AT LAST

Three Persons in Ohio Cured by Dr. Simon Flexner's Serum.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 14.—A man, a girl, and a three-year-old boy, all of Castalia, Ohio, whose lives were given up as hopeless on account of meningitis in April, have recovered entirely from the disease. Their health is as good now as a month before the disease affected them. The cure was effected by the new serum discovered by Simon Flexner, head of the Rockefeller Institute in New York, doctors declare.

A scourge of meningitis swept Castalia last spring, nineteen cases being reported. All but three of these were fatal. Jack Meek, aged twenty-three; Miss Barbara Kratt, aged sixteen; and Frederick Wahl, aged three, have been cured.

### First Scientific Cures.

These are the first scientific cures of the disease. The serum which was tried at Castalia was obtained from New York by Dr. George T. Laiff, of the Western Reserve Medical College, and administered by him in the way of an experiment.

Within a few hours after the serum was injected an improvement was noted. The improvement was pronounced as the days went by. Within a week it was almost certain that the three patients would recover. Meningitis hitherto unconquerable, had been conquered, physicians announced.

### Keep Careful Record.

Since then a record of the cases has been kept and many reports made to Dr. Flexner. The doctors carefully watched the development of the cure to be certain that no other disease had been introduced by the injection of the anti-meningitis serum. It is now absolutely certain that the cure has been complete.

Freddie Wahl plays with his toys just as he used to. Miss Kratt and Jacob Meek are as healthy today as they ever were.

## JUDGE LANDIS MAY NOT GRANT IMMUNITY PLEA

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Judge Landis, of the Federal district bench, will return from Indianapolis today and may make trouble for the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company despite the reports from Washington that "immunity" pleas would be conceded to those roads which had aided in furnishing information for the prosecution of the Standard Oil Company.

There was a feeling about the Federal Building this morning that Judge Landis is in no mood to "lay down" in the matter of the railroad investigation—no matter what the Attorney General's Department might think of it. District Attorney Sims is still absent, and his opinion could not be obtained.

It is understood that the so-called "immunity plea" was promised by the former district attorney, Mr. Morrison, to the Alton people, in view of the fact that the testimony furnished by their officials made possible the conviction which was rounded out by the \$25,000,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis.

From the standpoint of the assistants of Mr. Sims, neither Mr. Morrison nor Attorney General Bonaparte has any right to promise immunity to any of the railroad officials, for under the statute no corporation is exempt from criminal prosecution under any circumstances, when the law has been violated.

### MADE YARN OF PAPER.

The Germans have succeeded in making yarn out of paper, and from it they weave fabrics of astonishing cheapness. Rugs and carpets, hats and shoes, and garments and towels have been woven out of this paper yarn, and are said to possess many virtues besides their cheapness. The rugs are light and moth proof. The clothes are lighter than wool, and nearly as warm as wool, while man's three-piece suit costs no more than \$1.—Springfield Journal.

### DIFFERENCE IS PLAIN.

What, then, asked the professor, "is the exact difference between logic and sophistry?"

"Well," replied the bright student, "if you engaged in a controversy, it's the difference between your logic and the argument and the other fellow's."—Philadelphia Press.

## JOHN D. WEARING RICH MAN'S YOKE

"I am harnessed to a cart in which the people ride. Whether I like it or not I must work for the rest. I cannot evade this responsibility if I would. But I do not complain of this. I am willing to draw my share of the load as long as I am able."—From Rockefeller's latest statement.



—From the Pittsburgh Leader.

## HARRIMAN CONTROL MAY BE PROVEN

Questions From Commerce Commission Relate to Illinois Central.

Can Be Punished for Refusing to Answer If Ordered to Do So.

The decision of Attorney General Bonaparte to require E. H. Harriman to show cause why he should not be required to answer questions put to him by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its investigation of his railway interests last November, is but a link in the chain which is being forged about the railway magnate.

If he answers the questions propounded, they may establish the fact of his control of the Illinois Central. A refusal to comply with the court's order will lay him liable to a heavy fine and imprisonment for contempt.

It is understood that Harriman will resist to the utmost. The Government's efforts. There is a law covering just such a case, granting a witness absolute immunity from prosecution in answering questions that might incriminate him. It is said Harriman's defense will be that even under such an immunity, any American cannot, constitutionally, be required to answer questions that might hold him up to the reproach of his fellow-men.

Pending the present action the Department of Justice is carefully going over the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the Harriman investigation so that prompt action may be taken in execution of its policy as soon as a ruling is secured in the suit just brought in New York city.

## NEGRO RELEASED IN HOLD-UP CASE

Patrick Anderson, the negro who was locked up at the Second precinct police station last night on suspicion of being responsible for the holdup and robbery last Sunday night of Mrs. Eleanor Specht, was released today. Mrs. Specht was released today. Mrs. Specht was the wife of the Rev. Joseph Specht, at one time pastor of the Episcopal Church at Upper Marlboro, Md., and for a number of years chaplain of Washington Lodge, B. P. O. E. He was a Virginian by birth, and the family formerly owned one of the largest estates in the Old Dominion, situated near Gunston Hall.

Mrs. Specht has been spending several weeks in this city at the Riggs House. Sunday she spent the day with friends in Alexandria, returning to Washington about 10 o'clock. Instead of going directly to the hotel, she went to Sixteenth and Q streets to engage a laundress, whom she had employed when she lived in this city with her husband. After leaving the woman's house she walked down P street, intending to take a Fourteenth street car. When in front of the Riggs market, on P street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, her shoe string became unstitched, and she leaned over to tie it.

As she did so a burly negro rushed up, threw a handful of red pepper in her face, and snatched her purse. Blinded for the time, Mrs. Specht was unable to offer any resistance or make an outcry, and the man disappeared up P street. The pocketbook contained about \$7. This is the fourth robbery of this character which has occurred in the neighborhood in the last two months.

### EASILY TWISTED.

The archbishop of Canterbury, at the lord mayor's banquet, said the boys at a secondary school had been given a dictation, and out of the words of which they were to give the derivation and meaning was "twisted." One boy clinched an initial difficulty by giving it two-b's, then, being puzzled over the rest, wrote: "The word is derived from rubber, and means religious rule, which you can stretch and twist."—St. James Gazette.

## SCOLDS LIFE-SAVER FOR PULLING HAIR

Bathhouse Caretaker Disgusted With Ingratitude of Those He Saves.

STAMFORD, Conn., Aug. 14.—The milk of human kindness is curdling within Joseph O'Neill, the Titian-haired youth who is caretaker of the bathhouses at Shippan Point. At the risk of his life O'Neill has saved two women and two men from drowning. Only last Sunday a man who cannot swim got out of his depth while bathing. Without taking off his coat O'Neill plunged in, and seeing the drowning man's hair as he was sinking for the last time dragged him to shore.

"You came precious near pulling out all my hair," growled said the man he had saved to O'Neill.

"That was the limit," gloomily remarked the red-headed young man. "Neither the women nor the other man I saved said as much as 'Thank you, Joe.' I remember reading in my copy-book at school 'A live mouse is worth more than a dead lion.' But that is not always true. By the law in this State any one who finds a drowned body only has to anchor it, notify the coroner and get \$5 reward. Of course, I don't want to see anybody drown," said O'Neill, "but \$5 is \$5, and \$5 is a good deal of money to me."

"I hardly blame you, Joe. I never saw such ungrateful persons as those who yanked out," sympathetically remarked Richard Elias, who runs the bath houses, "sympathetically remarked Richard Elias, who runs the bath houses."

"I know you will not let anybody drown. Besides, remember, that drownings spoil business."

It is rumored tonight that certain timid bathers at Shippan Point have signed contracts promising O'Neill that if he will fly to their rescue in case of need they will give him at least \$5.

## NO BREATH IN PARADISE.

The late Theodore Tilton, who boasted that he had never had a pipe, cigar or cigarette in his mouth, used to declare that the most inveterate smoker he ever knew was Sojourner Truth, the famous freedwoman reformer and lecturer. He was wont to tell how one day when the venerable dame, then about ninety years old, was on a visit to his house, she sat smoking her pipe by the chimney corner, when George W. Bungay, the author of several elegant anti-tobacco tracts, called to see her.

"Aunt Sojourner," he said, "I revere your character, but I deplore your smoking, for it will keep you forever out of heaven."

"Lawks, honey, how so?" she asked. "Because, auntie," he rejoined, "you know that according to the Good Book, nothing entereth there that defileth. Now, how do you expect to get into heaven with your breath defiled by tobacco?"

"Lawks, honey," answered the old negress, "when I go to heaven I 'spect to leave my 'breath behind me!'"—New York Tribune.

### BLOW HARD!

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## GIRL WOULD WED HER UNCLE, BUT LAW FORBIDS IT

Couple From Switzerland Are Refused Admission to United States.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Bertha Frey, a comely young Swiss girl, and her uncle, William Neff, who for fifteen years was a California miner, are in a hopeless plight in the Ellis Island detention pen as the result of a romance that is banned by the laws of most nations.

Neff went home to Switzerland about a year ago to visit his sister. While at Interlaken he fell in love with his niece and she reciprocated. Their relatives and friends were greatly aroused over their proposed marriage. The laws of the land forbid them to wed. They were practically driven from the country and embarked in the second cabin of the Adriatic, which arrived here last week.

When the immigration authorities learned that the uncle proposed to marry his niece the matter was taken up by the board of arbitration. The board decided that inasmuch as blood relatives could not marry under the laws of this State they would have to be deported. The girl and her kinsman, however, refused to leave the country, and he decided to put the matter up to the Department of Commerce and Labor. He could hold out no hope for them and predicted that Commissioner Straus would uphold the action of the board of inquiry. The young woman's condition is such as to make her plight peculiarly distressing.

### COMPLIMENTARY.

It was at the wedding breakfast, and the newly-made benedict was about to reply to the toast of the bride and groom. He had never made a speech in his life, and he was more nervous and embarrassed than even the bridegroom usually is under such circumstances. Rising unsteadily to his feet, he gazed wildly round him, and, laying his hand unconsciously on the bride's shoulder, he stammered: "Ladies and gentlemen, this—er—thing has been thrust upon me." (Tableau)—Magazine.

### THE ONLY SENSIBLE WAY.

Mrs. Sunburst—Why, Mary, what are you putting the flypaper outside the house for?

Mary, the latest—Sure, an' ain't there more flies outside than inside?—Puck.

## BANK CLERK'S TRIAL ON AUGUST 30

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The trial of Chester R. Runyan, on the charge of stealing \$25,000, was postponed today until August 30. The action was taken because his testimony is desired at the trial of Laura Carter Wednesday on the charge of receiving stolen property. Runyan was living with the Carter woman in a Harlem apartment when found by the police. Over \$50,000 was still in his possession, and it is charged that the woman obtained some of the missing money from him. As the Carter woman led the police to Runyan it is expected that he will do all he can to convict her.

### JAPANESE CHILDREN OBEDIENT.

The instinct of obedience seems to be innate in Japanese children. When they are sent to school they are never late or cry or protest or say they hate school and would rather stay at home and play; instead, they smile, and say, "Yes, my most honorable parent, I am ready." As a rule, Japanese children love their teachers and obedience is no hardship. In the last half century, however, European methods have obtained in the capital and all the treaty ports, and one sometimes hears conversations that are not in the least Japanese.—The Circle.

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## Governor Guild Here On Way to Gettysburg

Massachusetts Executive Has Sprained Ankle, But Enjoyed Trip to Jamestown, and Talks of Virginia.

Gov. Curtis Guild, jr., of Massachusetts, and his party are spending the day in Washington. They arrived this morning from the Jamestown Exposition, and are stopping at the Arlington Hotel, leaving this afternoon for Gettysburg, Pa., where they will spend tomorrow.

The governor said that his trip to Jamestown had been a most pleasant one, and that he had enjoyed everything immensely, the only drawback being a sprained ankle that he had received several days ago and which was still painful. The trip from Boston to the exposition was made on the ships Newport and Prairie, which were manned by the Massachusetts naval brigade, of which the governor spoke with pride.

Massachusetts, so far, is the only State in the Union to send her governor and a representative of every branch of its government to the exposition.

The relations of Virginia and Massachusetts have always been very close, said Governor Guild. "There were Otis and Patrick Henry, and Jefferson and Adams in the old days, that always stood right up to each other, and the same friendly relations still exist between the two States."

Governor Guild said that he was out of touch with political matters and would not express himself on any of the current affairs.

"What about the telegraphers' strike?" he was asked.

"Well," he replied, "I have sent a number of telegrams since I have been away from home, but haven't received a reply to a one. That is about all the effect it has had on me personally."

The governor spent a very quiet morning at his hotel. The remaining members of the party were out sight-seeing most of the day.

In the party accompanying Governor Guild are the members of his staff, the president of the state senate and speaker of the house of representatives. Among them are Gen. J. P. Parker, Gen. W. H. Devine, Gen. W. B. Emory, Maj. T. B. Barroll, Col. E. W. M. Bailey, Col. S. B. Parker, Maj. L. H. B. Bailey, L. H. Bartlett, Charles L. Groves, W. H. Chappel, J. M. Cole, A. M. T. W. H. Felker, J. J. Mitchell, Ed. Stevens, F. M. Chase, S. L. Porter, J. A. Jones, C. Kinney, J. A. Bodwell, J. L. Thurston, S. H. Parker, T. J. Grad, M. T. Hall, B. B. Howard, C. H. McMonister, B. McKee, E. Muelig, E. J. Sanbury, J. W. Kimball, Capt. D. Remington, T. H. Johnson, T. F. Pedrick, W. H. Murphy, D. Gallagher, and E. J. Abbott.

## PRISONERS RELEASED; IDENTITY NOT PROVEN

Detectives Hartigan, Barbee, and Evans failed to establish the identity of the four prisoners, arrested by them yesterday and their connection with Leonard Nichol and Edward Hartman, with the result that Thomas Blondell was released on a \$40 bond and Mrs. Lulu Nichol and Otto Leob were released. Ernest Shelton, the fourth of the quartet, requested a continuance of his case.

While the four were charged with vagrancy, it is believed by the detectives that it would be possible to connect them as a part of the gang to which Hartman and Nichol are supposed to be members. Mrs. Nichol admitted that she was the wife of the man who was recently arrested on the charge of picking pockets, but denied all knowledge of any ill-doing on his part.

A "dope" set, consisting of an opium pipe and other paraphernalia, which was found in the woman's room at the time the four were arrested, is supposed to be the property of her husband.

## GIRLS' CLUB MEETS FOR MUSIC AND TALKS

The Young Girls' Club, a social organization composed of the juvenile employees of Goldenbergs, met on Tuesday night at Assembly Hall. Messrs. Snyder and Frank entertained those present with a musical program, and an interesting and helpful talk was given by Mrs. Lipp on "Personal Influence and Duty." Miss White was piano accompanist. The young folks greatly enjoyed the talk by Mrs. W. E. De Renier, who has spent some time in India as a missionary worker, and who detailed her experiences while on her honeymoon trip to that country.

After the program was finished the members and guests were served with ice cream and cake.

Among those who assisted at the entertainment were Mrs. Aufrecht, Miss Barbara Morgai, Miss Thorn, Mr. White, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Frank, and Mrs. Moore.

A COME DOWN.  
Tommy—Pa, what is a come-down?  
Pa—Hanging on a strap riding home from the auto show.—Broadway Magazine.

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## Special Bargain Sale Muslin Underwear

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